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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VISIT BY TURKISH FONMIN TO DISCUSS
MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. TURK AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED AT HIS REQUEST MARCH 13 ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO TO REQUEST APPROVAL FOR A VISIT BY A JOINT CIVILIAN/ MILITARY DELEGATION HEADED BY FONMIN TO DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE. ESENBEL TOLD SISCO THAT GOT, AND PARTICULARLY MILITARY, FEELS THAT TURKISH REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY MET BY USG. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN LIGHT OF TURKISH OBLIGATIONS UNDER NATO, APPROVED NATO FORCE GOALS, AND TURKISH TEN YEAR MODERNIZATION PLAN FOR ARMED FORCES. IN ADDITION TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVEL, MILITARY MEMBERS DELEGATION IN PARTICULAR WISH DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES, PARTICULARLY UNDER CRA, WHICH THEY FEEL HAVE RESULTED IN DISRUPTIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY DELAYS IN THE PROCUREMENT CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

2. ESENBEL SAID THAT INITIALLY IT WAS INTENDED SEND HIGH
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LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATION ONLY BUT IN VIEW FACT DECISIONS CONCERNING MILITARY ASSISTANCE MADE BY ADMINISTRATION AS A WHOLE, IT WAS DECIDED FONMIN SHOULD HEAD DELEGATION. ESENBEL SAID THAT FONMIN WOULD HOPE TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE MEETINGS WITH SECSTATE AND SECDEF. ADDITIONALLY HE WOULD BE CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM TURKISH PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH HE WISHED DELIVER PERSONALLY. IN COURSE SHORT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HE WOULD REITERATE TURKISH CONCERNS RELATING TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

3. ESENBEL SAID FONMIN HAD ASKED HIM SUGGEST AS DATES FOR VISIT PERIOD 28-30 MARCH OR 6-9 APRIL. SISCO REPLIED THIS WAS SHORT NOTICE FOR A VISIT OF THIS KIND. ESENBEL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND SAID THAT A LATER DATE, PERHAPS AT THE END OF APRIL, WOULD ALSO BE SATISFACTORY TO HIS GOVERNMENT. SISCO SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP AND GIVE ESENBEL A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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